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Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Restriction Action mailed January 14, 2003, which response is being made on or before February 14, 2003.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, namely Claims 1 – 30, drawn to a polynucleotide fragment encoding a polypeptide having at least 70% homology to SEQ ID No.: 10 (human placenta), a vector and host cell comprising said polynucleotide fragment.

~~Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional~~ applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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